

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

#### FOR SALE

A small farm, about 50 acres of land, about fifteen acres of timber land, the remainder plough and meadow land, a young orchard of about 30 bearing apple trees, and other fruit trees, together with a good house and barn, and a cow, horse, a never-failing well of good water with in a rod of the door. Said farm is situated in the town of Stamford, society of North Stamford; within half a mile of the meeting-house. For further particulars enquire of the subscriber, living on the premises.

DANIEL PREVOST.

#### FOUND

On the road, about half a mile north of the church, in Newtown, a man's great coat. The owner can have it by paying for this advertisement, and applying to James B. Fairman, Newtown.

#### MONEY FOUND

On the road from Bridgeport to Fairfield. The owner can have it by proving property and applying to Stephen Beach, Trumbull, Long Hill.

#### STRAYED

From the subscriber on or about the first of last September, a two year old red steer, marked with a swallow-fork on the off ear, and a half-penny under side of the same. Whoever has or will take up said steer, and give information to the subscriber, shall receive a reasonable reward by

ALFRED BEACH, Trumbull.

#### NOTICE

A number of well made new chestnut barrels, and filled with good cider will be thankfully received at this office on accounts, at \$2.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### STORE IS ROBBED

The store of William Bradley on Greenfield Hill was broken open the night before last and robbed of goods to the amount of about \$700. The robbers were traced to Westport and there lost track of. This is the third time that the store has been robbed within a few years.

#### SEWER WELLS CLOGGED

The sewer wells at the corners of our streets have so far been found full of dirt and gravel. How long they have been thus filled no one seems to know but it appears to us that they are suffered to be so long at a time that the sewers will be filled up and that some one will have a big job to get them clear again.

#### SLOOP SINKS

The sloop Van Buren from Newburg, with 100 tons of coal for Ira Gregory & Son, this city struck a rock

and sank near the "Cows" yesterday afternoon. The coal was insured and goes into the hands of the company.

#### SHOOTS RACCOON

A raccoon weighing 12 1-2 pounds was shot Sept. 3rd by J. R. Jennings of Easton, near the farm of Samuel Wakeman, Southport. He had been trespassing on Mr. W's cornfield for some time.

#### USES NEW BRICK

Mr. Russell Tomlinson is putting up a small tenement house in Beaver street of the new brick that are now being manufactured at the steam factory, just put in operation in East Bridgeport. The brick are made of cement, lime and sand, pressed and dry. They are somewhat larger than the old style of clay brick and are of drab or brown color.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

#### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. F. E. Quinn of Main street is rapidly recovering from illness due to a disabled foot. The member was operated upon by Dr. Haskell with the result that the patient is almost well.

Adney Wooster, of William street has resumed his studies in the high school, having spent his vacation in and around New York city.

Misses Mamie Sheehan and Ella Toohy have returned from Newtown after a two weeks' stay.

Mrs. A. M. Lambert, of Sydney, N. S. W., is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Kelly of Pembroke street.

#### NEW DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Democratic club, a new political organization composed of democrats who do not believe in the Chicago platform came into being last night with 81 charter members. Henry Altwater is president. Other officers are: First Vice President Fred W. Tracy, second vice president David C. Mills; financial secretary Ferdinand C. Smith; secretary James W. Thompson; treasurer John A. Ten Eyck; board of governors Zalmon Goodsell, C. S. Canfield, F. S. Stevens, George Kane, William Gresham, E. D. Pierce Jr., George C. Elghme, L. H. Mills, W. T. Hinks, Louis H. Lyon.

#### FRATERNAL

The members of the Mary Sullivan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are requested by their Regent to observe the Centennial anniversary of "Washington's Farewell" September 19, by unfurling the flag to the breeze.

#### SALES FOR EUROPE

Mrs. Demetrius Callias Bay, Mrs. P. T. Barnum that was, sailed for Europe this forenoon, having finished her business which brought her to this country.

## FRANCE JOINS ENTENTE DEMANDS THAT SWEDEN MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY

Paris, Sept. 15.—The French government has instructed the minister at Stockholm to join with the other entente ministers in presenting, a friendly but firm note to Sweden in regard to its policy of neutrality. The note takes issue with the position of Sweden in distinguishing between submarines for war and those for commerce, which the French government affirms has "an effect contrary to neutrality since the Swedish naval forces would hesitate to attack a German submarine in Swedish waters under the pretext that it might be a commercial submarine where as there would be a similar hesitation to dealing with a submarine of the allies because they have no commercial submarines."

The note deals with a number of questions relative to navigation and concludes:

"The attitude adopted by the Swedish government is at variance in obvious respect with an attitude which is compatible with the duties of a loyal and impartial neutral."

Great Britain and Sweden have been at odds since the early period of the war and Sweden's unyielding attitude evidently has resulted in a decision to exert the combined pressure of all the

entente's allies on her. The difficulties arose from the allied blockade of Germany, resulting in the holding up of goods enroute to Sweden which were suspected to be destined for Germany. Sweden retaliated by holding up large quantities of parcels post matter in transit between England and Russia. This led to an exchange of notes which accomplished nothing and early this month a deadlock was reached.

Great Britain insisted as a condition to submitting the dispute to arbitration that Sweden must promise not to interfere again with English mail matter. Sweden declined and the Swedish minister at London went to the continent to be gone for several weeks. Negotiations were transferred to Stockholm but the latest advices from London were that no solution of the problem was in sight.

#### COFFEE SHIPMENT SEIZED.

Berlin, Sept. 14.—A Stockholm despatch to the Overseas News Agency says that Sweden has held up 10,000 tons of coffee destined for Finland, presumably on account of the fact that Great Britain has detained shipments of coffee for Sweden. As a result there is a great scarcity of coffee in Finland.

### French Investigator to Visit Americans

Tokio, Sept. 16.—The Marquis de Vitry, of France, who has just completed a tour of South America and of the Far East in the interest of the French government and of the French people, will sail for San Francisco on the steamer Shinano Maru August 25 for the purpose of making an extensive tour of the United States. Monsieur de Vitry's chief mission to the Pacific Coast states will be the establishment of branches of the Franco-American Committee, the headquarters of which is at Paris, and which has as its object the development of the intellectual relations between France and America. He will deliver a series of lectures to the people of the West. Later he will probably visit New Orleans and New York. A well known member of the French nobility and living a quiet, retired life in the beautiful chateau of Touraine, Marquis de Vitry responded to the call of his country to make a trip around the world to tell something of France's aims and ambitions for the future. He bears letters of introduction from many prominent people of the United States.

One of the owners of the great French newspaper Le Temps, he is writing a series of letters for that newspaper and while in Japan has made arrangements with leading To-

kio newspapers for the transmission of a special service of Japanese news to Le Temps. The arrangements are mutual and hereafter special dispatches and letters will be sent from France to Japan.

#### MASONIC NOTES.

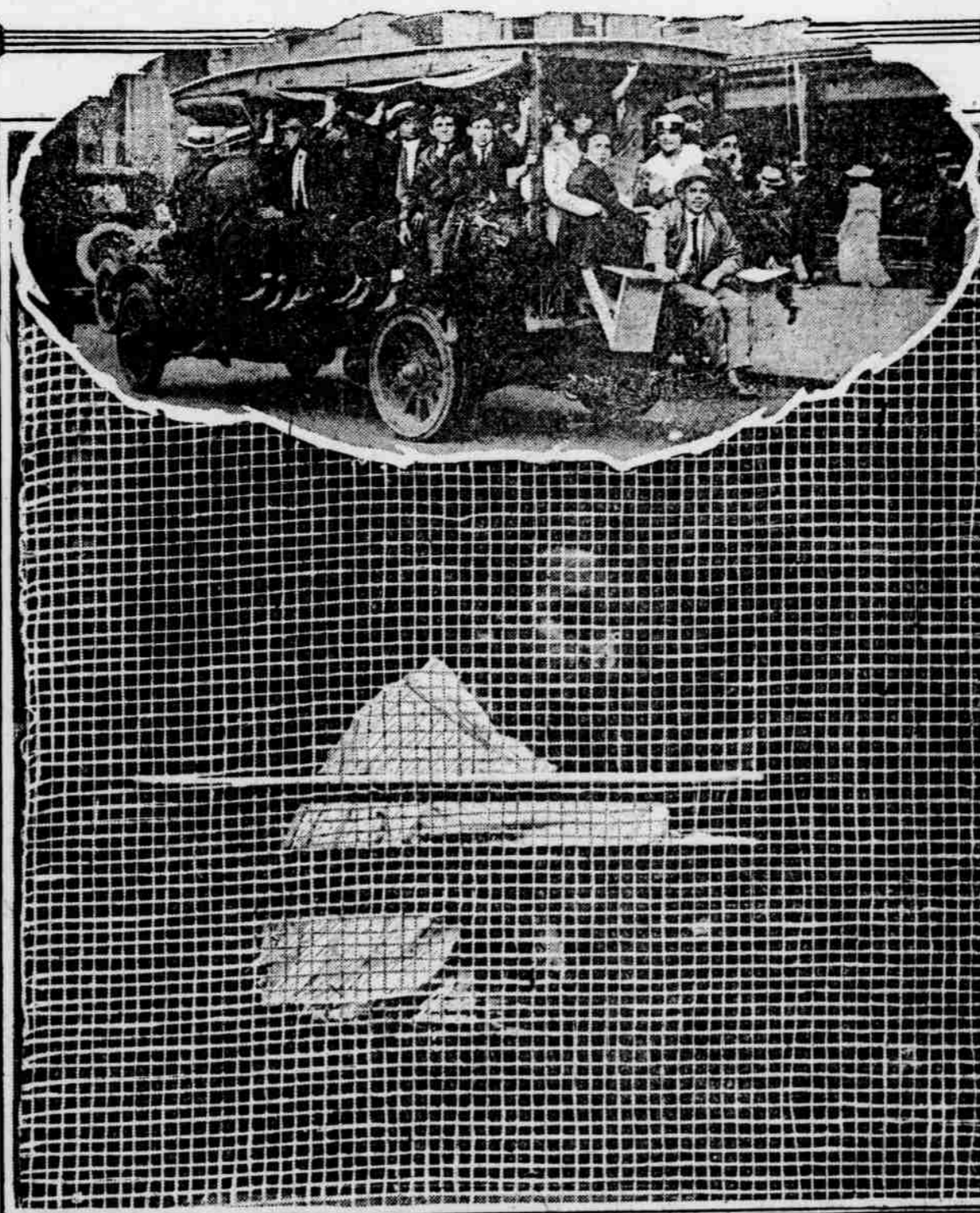
A special communication of St. John's lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held at Masonic Temple, Broad street, Monday evening, Sept. 18 at 7 o'clock when the entered apprentice degree will be conferred upon candidates. This communication will be followed by the fellowcraft degree which will be conferred Sept. 20 at the same place and hour.

#### MESSAGE OF THE SEA.

The second of the vacation sermons will be delivered at the Washington Park M. E. church, Barnum and Noble avenues, Sunday night by the minister. Last Sunday evening the subject was "The Country and Its Message," and this Sunday night it will have to do with what the sea said as one listened to it sitting on the rocks at Marblehead Neck. In the praise service a new hymn that has won great popularity will be used. Mr. Lundberg, the bass soloist in the choir, will sing the verse part and the whole congregation will join in the chorus.

Thomas Gilmore of Albany, president of the New York State Council of Carpenters, dropped dead in a railway station at Fort Worth, Tex.

## INTRENCHED BEHIND NETS OF STEEL, SUBWAY AND "L" MOTORMEN DARE STRIKE DANGERS



JITNEY "STRIKE BREAKER"—SUBWAY MOTORMAN PROTECTED BY WIRE NETTING

In the second big New York traction strike in the past month precautions were taken to protect faithful employees and strike breakers from the strikers' vengeance. The subway and elevated motormen were protected by steel wire netting placed over their windows to ward off missiles thrown to injure them. Many of the motormen have found the jitney bus a very serviceable conveyance. Immediately after the strike was declared business houses requisitioned jitneys to take their employees to and from work. Many feared violence on the part of the strikers would cause a serious disaster in the "L" or subway. The New York Telephone company was the first to rig up special busses for its operators, and others soon followed. Fifth avenue shop girls and men are the passengers in the jitney pictured above.

## OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK BURIED IN UNFINISHED WORK

Schultz Loses Control of Situation and Asks for Two More Copyists

When he returns from his vacation Town Clerk Joseph Schultz will ask the common council to give him two additional copyists. The town clerk now has nine copyists, an increase of three since he took office. It is proposed to increase this force to 11. Recently the copyists got so far behind in their work that lawyers, title searchers, and others who have business with the office made many complaints and the common council gave the town clerk another copyist, increasing his force from eight to nine. With the additional help the work has not progressed any faster; in fact, things seem to be worse than they were before.

Some of the lawyers ascribe this to the fact that Mr. Schultz had difficulty in retaining the oldest and most experienced copyists in the office. They sought new positions to the great real estate boom that is on here and to the unusual number of personal matters, conditional bills of sale and other papers now being offered for record.

It takes from two to three weeks for the return from record of a warranty, quit claim or mortgage paper. It takes longer for the record of the conditional bills of sale particularly those regarding automobiles. The forms submitted by one dealer in automobile trucks here are very complicated documents, and the record fee on them is \$5, the fee being based on the amount of work which the copyist has to perform. These bills of sale for other automobiles vary from \$3 to \$5. For several cars the fee is \$1.50 and \$1 for motorcycles. Sometimes dealers in the latter vehicles bring in 25 of these bills of sale at once.

The work of indexing attachments and releases of attachments has fallen so far behind since Miss Clara Weber left the office that the town clerk's office force cannot give out information correctly without searching through a pile of documents that lie awaiting record.

Miss Weber is now Mrs. Clarence E. Winton, having married the assistant town clerk.

When they were asked recently to allow another copyist in the town clerk's office members of the common council were told that the work would thus be brought up to date speedily. The work is farther behind than ever, vacation period has made it worse, and Mr. Schultz must ask for the additional help.

Mayor James Lennon, of Yonkers, wrote to the Public Service Commission at Albany complaining at the failure of the Second district board to take action toward settling the street car strike.

SPECIAL SALE OF FERNS  
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### Bridgeport Boy Scouts To Take Part In Match

Scout Commissioner Everitt E. Cortright of this city has been appointed judge of contests to be held at the annual state convention of Boy Scouts of America, to be held at Hanover park, Meriden, Saturday, Sept. 30.

It is estimated that more than 1,500 boy scouts from all over Connecticut will attend, at least one full troop going from Bridgeport. Every city in the state will be represented.

The Bridgeport Boy Scouts will enter most of the contests, and are busily preparing under their scout masters the necessary apparatus to carry them to enter these contests. The events will include semaphore signalling, stretcher making, equipment race, patrol standing, broad jump, relay, first aid race, centipede race, knot tying, fire by friction, staff throw, Morse signalling, fire by friction, fire building and water boiling.

A cup will be presented to the troop getting the most points. All events will be under the state regulations for state contests. The following men have been appointed judges of the contests: Scout Executive Ripley, Hartford; Scoutmaster Sheldon, New Britain; Scout Executive Northrup, Waterbury; Scout Commissioner Bruce, New Haven; Scout Executive Jerome, New Haven; Deputy Commissioner Taylor, Hartford; Scout Commissioner Cortright, Bridgeport; Scoutmaster Woodstock, Meriden.

#### SONS OF VETERANS TO BANQUET GRAVES.

Arrangements are complete for the reception and banquet which Franklin Bartlett camp, No. 11, Sons of Veterans, will tender Senior Vice Commander E. L. Graves of this city and Division Commander R. L. Alcorn of Hartford in Grand Army hall, next Tuesday night. There will be a large class initiation following which the banquet and reception will take place. Members of Lincoln camp, No. 2, of Stamford and Lombard camp, No. 22, of Greenwich, have been invited.

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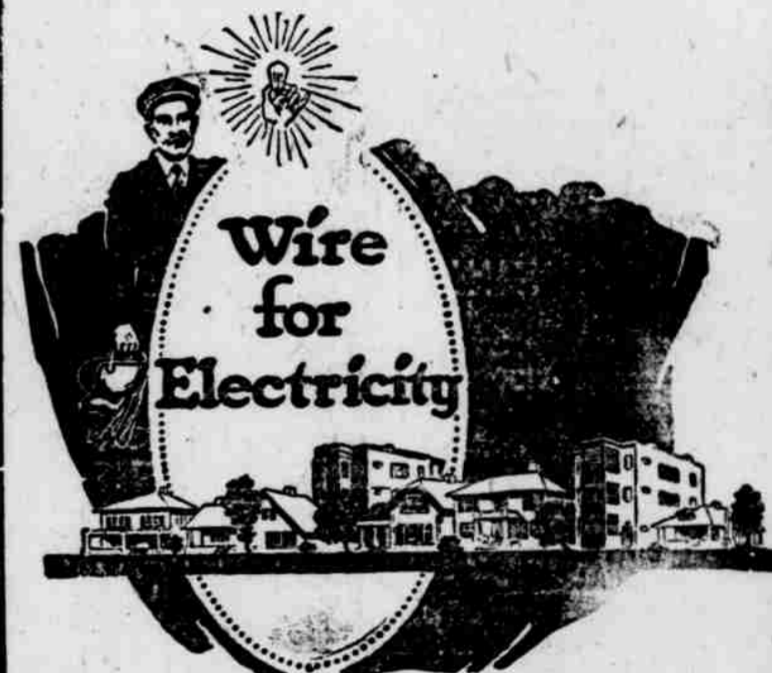
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We also offer for sale the two-family house, No. 470 Stratford Avenue. This house has 14 rooms with improvements, and a fine lot 45 x 125 feet. These are exceptionally fine buys. Those interested for a fine business spot, look this property over. They can be bought at a bargain.

We also offer for sale the two-family house, Nos. 116-118 Catherine Street. This house has 15 rooms and a nice lot 50 x 100 feet. These are not flats but halfhouses, having up and down stairs and can be bought at a bargain. Centrally located and should be very interesting.

We also offer a nice cottage, No. 514 Gordon Street, having 6 rooms, the bath and up-to-date. This place can be purchased at a low figure. Look it over.

We also have for sale some two-family houses on North Main Street, and also in all parts of the city. Drop in and see us if you are interested to buy and we will be very glad to show you some good properties at the right prices. Further particulars, inquire of

H. L. Blackman &amp; Son

231 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. Phone, Barnum 519

### Begin Raising Barges

Loaded With Hard Coal

The Baxter Wrecking Co. has been working on the two sunken barges lost off Penfield Light last week by the tug James McWilliams. Two

hundred tons of hard coal were pumped from the Vincent into an empty barge yesterday and had the weather permitted today, this barge would have been raised. The Vincent lies on her side in about 25 feet of water and the second barge, which contained soft coal, rests near her, right side up on the second barge.